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SUBJECT: BERLIN-EC RELATIONSHIP

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1. MISSION HAS DISPATCHED, CONCURRENT WITH RECEIPT OF REFTEL, AIRGRAM (REF B) PROVIDING IN DETAIL OUR UNDERSTANDING OF EXISTING EC-BERLIN RELATIONSHIP AND OUR VIEWS ON WHAT CHANGES MAY BE NEEDED FOR FUTURE. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE OUR CONCLUSIONS DIFFER VERY MUCH FROM THOSE REPORTED IN BONN GROUP DISCUSSION, WE ARE PERHAPS SLIGHTLY MORE INCLINED THAN ALLIED PARTICIPANTS TO EMPHASIZE FRG POINT PARA 3 THAT GREATER POLITICAL SENSITIVITY ON PART OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES--ALLIES, FRG, EC--TO SPECIAL BERLIN REQUIREMENTS IS PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT THAN POSSIBLE CHANGES IN EXISTING LEGAL CONTROLS.

2. WE FAVOR SOME GREATER PRECISION IN OUR CONTROL OF EC
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TREATIES SO THAT THEY COME TO US IN TIMELY FASHION BEFORE

FINAL CONFIRMATION BY EC BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CLASSIC BERLIN CLAUSE OF TYPE REQUIRED BY BKC/L(52)6 IS NECESSARY. WE CAN SEE SOME MERIT IN TIGHTENING CONTROLS OVER THOSE REGULATIONS ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 235 OF TREATY OF ROME (GENERAL POWERS CLAUSE), BUT ON BALANCE BELIEVE THAT PROBABLY NO CHANGE IS REQUIRED IN WAY IN WHICH REGULATIONS FORMALLY COME INTO FORCE IN BERLIN. MAJOR REQUIREMENT IS FOR EC AND BERLIN SPECIALIST TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER'S PREOCCUPATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN CONSULT IN TIMELY FASHION.

3. WE DOUBT THAT LEGAL HOCUS-POCUS WITH CONTROLS WILL MEAN MUCH TO SOVIETS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THEY WILL CONTINUE NOT TO LIKE EC-BERLIN RELATIONSHIP, PARTICULARLY IF IT IS DYNAMIC, AND THEY CAN RIGHTLY POINT OUT THAT "ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES" CLAUSE OF QA RELATES TO FRG TREATIES NOT THOSE CONCLUDED BY EC. SOVIETS HAVE, HOWEVER, ACCEPTED STATUS QUO IN QA, WHICH INCLUDES BASIC EC-BERLIN RELATIONSHIP, AND DID NOT RAISE EC QUESTIONS IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. UNLESS EC GETS CONSIDERABLY CLOSER TO ITS ULTIMATE GOAL OF WESTERN EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION, BASIC BERLIN SOVEREIGNTY QUESTIONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO ARISE. GEORGE

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